

CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A communication device,
comprising:

5 recognizing means for recognizing an attribute
of positional information that is added to image data
stored in a communicating party; and

searching means for searching the image data
stored in the communicating party based on the
10 recognition made by the recognizing means.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Amended) A communication device according
15 to claim 1, further comprising display means for
displaying the attribute of the positional
information recognized by the recognizing means.

4. (Amended) A communication device according
20 to claim 1, further comprising inquiry means for
making an inquiry to the communicating party as to
what attribute of positional information is added to
the image data stored in the communicating party,
wherein the recognizing means makes the recognition
25 based on a result of the inquiry made by the inquiry
means.

5. A communication device according to claim 4,
wherein the inquiry means makes the inquiry each time
the communication device connects with the
communicating party in order to search the image data
5 stored in the communicating party.

6. A communication device according to claim 4,
further comprising setting means for setting a mode
in which the inquiry means does not make the inquiry
10 even when the communication device connects with the
communicating party in order to search the image data
stored in the communicating party.

7. A communication device according to claim 4,
15 further comprising setting means for setting a mode
in which the inquiry means makes the inquiry when the
communication device connects with the communicating
party, independently of the search of the image data
stored in the communicating party.

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8. A communication device according to claim 7,
further comprising display means for displaying the
attribute of the search condition recognized by the
recognizing means in accordance with a setting made
25 by the setting means.

9. (Amended) A communication device according

to claim 1, wherein the searching means comprises
converting means for converting the positional
information into a given search condition in
accordance with the recognition made by the
5 recognizing means, and informing means for informing
the communicating party of the search condition
converted by the converting means.

10. (Amended) A communication device according
10 to claim 9, further comprising selecting means for
selecting a desired one a plurality of attributes
recognized by the recognizing means, wherein the
converting means converts the positional information
into the given search condition in accordance with
15 the selection made by the selecting means.

11. (Amended) A communication device according
to claim 1, further comprising selecting means for
selecting a desired one of a plurality of attributes
20 recognized by the recognizing means, and judging
means for judging whether or not the positional
information of the attribute selected by the
selecting means is utilizable in the communication
device.

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12. (Amended) A communication device according
to claim 11, wherein the judging means makes the

judgement based on positional information that is added to the image data stored in the communicating party.

5 13. (Amended) An image storage device, comprising:

 informing means for informing a communicating party of an attribute of positional information related to stored image data; and

10 searching means for searching the image data in accordance with a request from the communicating party.

15 14. (Cancelled)

 15. (Amended) An image storage device according to claim 13, wherein the informing means informs the communicating party of the attribute of the positional information related to the image data in
20 accordance with a request from the communicating party.

 16. (Amended) An image storage device according to claim 13, further comprising judging means for
25 judging, based on information received from the communicating party, whether or not positional information of an attribute that the communicating

party is capable of sending as a search condition is of a given format.

17. (Amended) A communication device,
5 comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining pieces of
positional information of a plurality of attributes;

selecting means for selecting an attribute of
positional information; and

10 transmitting means for transmitting the
positional information of the attribute selected by
the selecting means when an image pickup instruction
signal for instructing to take an image is sent to an
image pickup device.

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18. (Amended) A communication device according
to claim 17, wherein the selecting means selects an
attribute of the positional information based on a
result of the obtainment of the positional
20 information by the obtaining means.

19. (Amended) A communication device according
to claim 18, wherein the selecting means selects an
attribute of the positional information based on an
25 operation by a user.

20. A communication device according to claim

17, further comprising display means for displaying information related to the positional information transmitted by the transmitting means.

5 21. (Amended) A communication device according to claim 17, further comprising display means for displaying the attributes of the positional information obtained by the obtaining means.

10 22. A communication device according to claim 17, further comprising searching means for searching image data stored in the image pickup device.

15 23. (Cancelled)

 24. (Cancelled)

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 27. (Cancelled)

 28. (Amended) A communication device
25 controlling method, comprising:

 a recognizing step of recognizing an attribute of positional information that is added to image data

stored in a communicating party; and

a searching step of searching the image data
stored in the communicating party based on the
positional information of the attribute recognized in
5 the recognizing step.

29. (Amended) An image storage device
controlling method, comprising:

an informing step of informing a communicating
10 party of an attribute of positional information that
is related to image data stored in a memory; and

a searching step of searching the image data in
accordance with a request from the communicating
party.

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30. (Amended) A communication device controlling
method, comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining pieces of
positional information of a plurality of attributes;

20 a selecting step of selecting an attribute of
the positional information; and

a transmitting step of transmitting the
positional information of the attribute selected in
the selecting step when an image pickup instruction
25 signal for instructing to take an image is sent to an
image pickup device.

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31. (Cancelled)